(d) During the course of the last two years, the company had suffered heavy losses on account of appreciation of value of foreign currencies, lock out due to agitation in their factory, which severaly affected the liquidity position of the company. The company has informed that they are making all efforts to liquidate their liability of refunds at the earliest possible and they are committed to refund the entire amount to all customers from the funds that would progressively be available to them out their production and sale of scooters. In addition, they have sought the approval of financial institutions for the disposal of their fibre division, the sale of which would help them in improving liquidity position and early refunds for delayed payments.

Recommendation of electricity to President's Hotel in Delhi

1633. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of the electricity disconnected on suspected theft can only be restored on the orders from the Court of Law;

(b) if so, what were the compelling circumstances for G.M. (E) DESU, to issue orders on 2nd April, 1989 on telephone from Allahabad to restore the supply of electricity to Hotel President, Delhi which was disconnected on 30th March, 1989 after lodging F.I.R. with Delhi Police on suspected theft;

(c) how many cases of similar nature are there at present; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the members of the team who raided the Hotel with the approval of Additional General Manager, DESU have been transferred/charge sheeted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, no such orders were issued by the General Manager, DESU.

(c) None, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Loss in the contract for Rihand Project

1634. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original amount of quotation by the British firm GEC for the Rihand project and what was the amount of its re-quotation;

(b) whether the re-quotation contracted price was Rs. 400 crores more than the nearest bidder;

(c) if so, what are the reasons of putting the national ex-chequer at a loss of Rs. 400 crores; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to avoid such losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) M/s. GEC of U.K. are one of the parties who have submitted offers for the supply of main plant equipment for the Rihand Super Thermal Power Project, Stage-II. No re-quotation has been received from them.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.